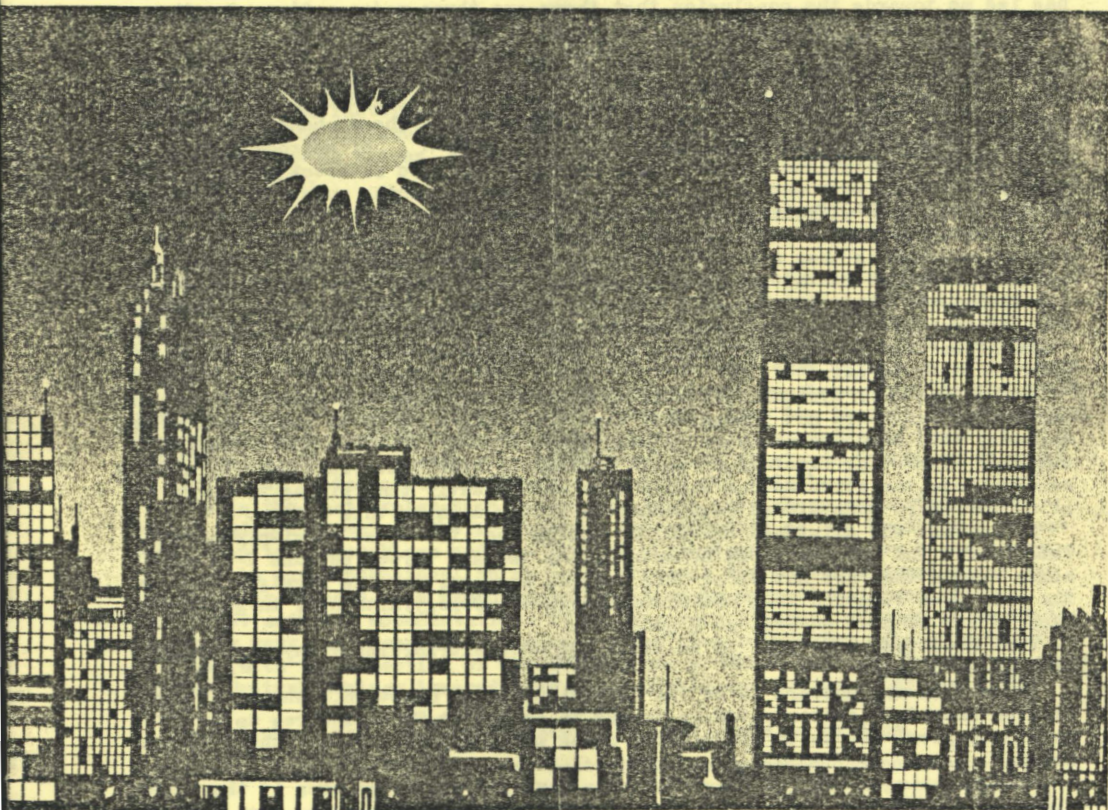


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As readers know, and as this issue indicates, the case at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, has made us ask significant questions about the UFO phenomenon. But perhaps there is really just one "Fundamental Question of the UFO".....

OPTION ONE...Natural physical phenomena at (or just beyond) the threshold of current science. In UFOs: A British Viewpoint Peter Warrington and I called these UAPs (Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena) and since I have been fully convinced that UAPs are real. We have many oases on file that are these phenomena, and it is our responsibility to bring them to the recognition of science, free of their alien connotations. The matter is one of scientific interest and it is not likely we can do very much more to help solve the remaining questions at issue within this field without gaining further scientific credibility.

OPTION TWO...What I call 'Reality Distortion'. Events which display the OZ Factor, suggesting they are neither totally objective nor totally subjective but lie elsewhere on the spectrum of reality. I name them Quasi-Conscious Experiences. Some data input (a message) is over-riding the brain's programming for the construction of reality and creating a new, distorted reality, which includes 'impossible' things like UFOs and aliens. The source of this over-ride might be internal or external.

OPTION THREE...Physically,objective craft of some type and some origin.It is improbable (although not impossible) that this origin would be other than alien. However, this need not necessarily mean extraterrestrial.Alien could cover a superior cohabiting lifeform,or earth indigenous time travellers.Despite all the reservations,the evidence has always been sufficiently tantalising to never allow the truly open-minded researcher to flatly dismiss this option.

In my view the existence of UFOs in option one (ie UAPs) is simply proven. This leaves the need to choose between option two and three, because I am sure cases remain that are not UAPs. This does, in a sense, take us straight back to the principal question that has always pervaded ufology. Although, in getting back to it, we have understood a good deal.

That question would seem to be...are ANY UFOs extraordinary physical craft of unknown origin?

Since this now appears to be the only significant question, I think all our efforts should be concentrated on trying to answer it. This requires us to make extensive attempts to study those cases which can only be one thing or the other.

Investigating a LITS, or many amorphous daylight sightings, even if they have close encounter effects, has no direct bearing upon this. Because, even were it found to be a UFO to ones total satisfaction, it could still be a UAP or a QC Experience. We need NON-CONVENTIONAL cases.

The cases we should pursue would be few in number and investigated with very considerable vigour. Reinvestigation of classic cases from the past will be more profitable than in-depth study of contentious cases that are current. Only new (NON-CONTENTIONAL) cases should take precedence over in depth re-study of such events.

Four types of UFO Case readily spring to mind that fit the category NON-CONTENTIONAL. They have decreasing degrees of value. It is my impression that these are the cases we ought to be studying, at the expense of all others, if we really want answers.

(1) Cases that involve symmetrical trace marks...not burnt patches, radiation, flattened grass etc. But traces which could only really have come from landing gear on a physical craft.

(3) Cases of apparent official cover-up (eg Rendlesham, Cash/Landrum, Texas.) Where military and government authorities appear to have a need to hide what happened. These need not always be NON-CONTENTIONAL...they could be hidden because they are test devices, or because they infringe on some secret technology development, or because someone thinks they are non-contentional, even if they are not. But the chances are high that such cases often will be non-contentional.

(4) Finally, and the most common...but the least likely to be non-contentional, are those cases which are difficult to evaluate. Cases where the intelligent behaviour of the UFO is implicit in the observation. Instances where a war seems to be paced are common but often dubious. Proper investigation will reveal that the intelligence factor is simply read into the events by the witness. It will also probably be difficult to decide that such a case, even where the implicit intelligence seems proven, is not just a QC Experience. But some events may be worthy of study.

It is fair to say that this will leave us with relatively few cases...but these are the either/or ~~reports~~ that will provide negative or positive evidence for option three....the exotic physical craft.

If after say three years of reasonable application of this methodology, by several teams of efficient ufologists, the sum total of evidence in all four categories remains low, then we can probably argue that option three is untrue. If on the other hand, the evidence is respectable we might well be in a strong position to persuade others (with logic not emotions) that option three is true!

Of course, if we find oases that stand up to rigorous investigation and which contain all four elements of our non-conventional case (ie they leave symmetrical traces, are photographed as a structured object, display definite implicit intelligence and are subsequently covered up) then it stands to reason we ought to take great notice of them. They are vital to our data base.

This is the best explanation I can give as to why I have supported Brenda Butler and Dot Street in their tenacious investigation of the Rendlesham Forest case, despite the problems and the lack of enthusiasm from fellow researchers. The case is non-contentional in at least three of the above categories. And the only missing element (the photographs) is strongly suspected, along with concurrent auditory documentation. It is precisely the sort of case we ought to be taking very, very seriously. It is a shame that before the mass of publicity of late (with the exception of the Swindon group SCUFORI and the Manchester group MUFORA) British ufology ignored this case. Brenda and Dot were left to fight alone.

Perhaps now a few people will wake up to what needs to be done.

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NEWS ROUND-UP



:: Arcturus Book Service (263 N Ballston Ave, Scotia, NY 12302...USA) has a new book catalogue out well worth seeing.Many new bargains.

:: Recent structural changes to BUFORA has made group and joint membership more attractive. For £15 a husband/wife can both join (one magazine between them) and both share the benefits of membership. As for groups, they too can now join with member cards to each member but one shared magazine. Groups with 2-5 members can join for £20; 6-10 members £30, and extra magazines can be supplied on request. All rates are per annum.

: In a recent 'fan' letter..."I have just finished reading 'Alien Contact'... you had to go and spoil the whole book by adding the numerous and totally unnecessary and unrationale embarkation into the world of para-psychology and

PHYSICIAN in a vain and wasted effort to explain possible explanations for all "their, the Sunderland family's 'experiences' which "YOU" are not prepared to accept as direct alien encounters, yet you 'TITLE' "Your" "BOOK" ALIEN CONTACT. Why go to the trouble of writing a book only to turn around and dissect every molecule of evidence down to infinity and then casually explain that this is only a possible hypothesis..... Up until your "unjustified and childish" attack upon one of the world's most outstanding and truly brilliant writers (WA Harbinson. GENESIS) your book held some merit up until that point....." (Sio)

Amen!

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IN THE COUNTRY... BUFORA, THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

After two major conferences in London (199 and 1981) the decision this time was to go to the country (the village of Lane End, Bucks) and extend the programme to three full days. Whilst this might have dissuaded a few people from attending (the numbers were down on other occasions) it seems to have allowed a marvellous collection of speakers and delegates. The less committed did not attend and the 100 or so who did were all keen and dedicated, often globally known researchers. This vastly helped to boost the quality of the papers and the debate. It was very probably the most important UFO event ever held in this country.

Highlights of the weekend are so many and varied it would be impossible to raise them all. They are inevitably personal choices too. We certainly had variety, Paul Devereux in a sparkling two-hour performance made a coherent case for 'earthlights' and gave a scoop preview of the UK replication photos of the laboratory results. On a different extreme scientist Ali Abu Taha (Ali Abu who? was what everyone was asking) took a ludicrous postulate (that UFOs are living creatures from the SUN, ...yes the Sun) and so convinced everybody that one could find ufologists and trained scientists alike trying hard (and failing!) to find a flaw in his argument. I think we have not heard the last of this, because Ali said that NASA reacted the same way when he put his case to them!

In a more aggressive tone Stanton Friedman laid official document after official document upon us, in his attempt to prove a cover up. Certainly he showed that there was enormous governmental interest, which is one thing (that UFOs are alien is quite another). Personally, I was not sure he proved his point about the super secret classification "COSMIC" (beyond TOP SECRET). But it was fascinating even so.

In terms of UFO evidence we had Harley Rutledge presenting photograph upon photograph taken over his several year study (involving university staff and equipment). This showed many a UFO in the Missouri 'window'. More recently a new Swedish 'window' was being studied and research (and again many photographs) from here was presented. In both these instances the audience were not asked to decide if UFOs existed...for more than ample proof that they did was provided. It was like watching a person's holiday slide show...UFO after interminable UFO! Quite an event.

The last talk was super also. Hilary Evans sent everyone away smiling with his amusing diversion (with a moral, mark you!) about UFO hoaxes.

Of course, top of the list for fascination value was Allen Hynek, who had promised to 'tell all' and reveal what he really felt about UFOs. His views seem very in keeping with my own, so since readers know these I will not elaborate. Allen (who stayed in the north for a time and took part in a long and most exciting garden party/ seminar at the home of Harry Harris) made clear that he still has a lot to contribute to the UFO scene.

These congresses are always exhausting, interesting and essentially fun. Some people question their value...but how else would ufologists from many countries adequately discuss the subject of so much importance and fascination to them? Roll on International Congress number four.

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FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-

Major articles elsewhere

F3R Vol 28 No 6 (£7.50pa...West Malling,Maidstone,ME19 6JZ)(*Note price increase)
Dr Pierre Guerrin (of GEPAN) discusses the cover-up and concludes (through a train of logic based on cattle mutilations) that the government do know the truth and are deliberately misleading scientists and public alike.Owing to Guerrin's important and influential role he must be listened to.

MAGONIA 13 (£2, four issues, 64 Alrio Ave, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4JW)
A full English reprint of the article by Dr Claude Mauge, referred to previously in NUK, where he argues that a real UFO phenomenon may be illusary. There is also an English version of an article by Paolo Toselli about the reliability of UFO witnesses as observers (previously in the Swiss Oyni Présence magazine)

INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER Jul/Aug (\$15 pa PO BOX 1621 Lima Ohio USA 45802)
A full analysis of the classic photo oase at Trindade Island, including a new
interview with the witness....and just to show that UFOs have not entirely gone
away a new (jan 1983) CE 3 oase is given in detail.

APRO BULLETIN Vol 31 Nos 7/8 (\$ 18 3910 E Kleindale Rd Tucson Arizona 85712)
A look at the medical implications of "earth stress". Can tectonic UAPs induce hallucinations? Using medical evidence this articles argues not....Also an 'expose' of Ground Saucer Watch and their computer enhancement techniques. This purports to show them to be invalid.

FATE Oct & Nov 1983 (El6,12 issues, 500 Hyacinth Place Highland Park Ill 60035)
Oct...Jerry Clark gives his "Requiem for the UFO age" and asks why the public
have lost interest in the subject.
Nov...Bruce Macabee discusses arch debunker Philip Klass and asks if his methods
are really fair and productive.

FATE (which often carries UFO articles) is still available from some big WH SMITH branches, at a cover price of 80p. Published monthly.

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BOOKS OF THE MOMENT:

The Evidence for UFOs (Hilary Evans) 111
The Evidence for Visions of the Virgin (Kevin McClure)

The Aquarian Press, 1983, £2.50 each Approx 160pp, illus.



Hilary Evans, whilst being well known in this country as a perceptive lecturer and article writer, has yet to produce the full-sized book that his studies merit. ASSAP (Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena), as a young, dynamic inter-disciplinary body has done some promising things, but to many people is still being vetted before they decide upon its true role in the world of the paranormal.

However, this new publishing venture seems set to change all that in one swoop. As Hilary was in many respects the mastermind behind both ASSAP and the new "Evidence for..." series, which Aquariam are set to produce, it is fitting that he should write one of the first two volumes in what intends to be a major and long-lived programme.

Perhaps these books will persuade many presently uncommitted individuals to give ASSAP a chance, which will not be a bad thing. For its ideas are new and its impetus still great (and its subscription rates are phenomenally cheap too!)

Six books are already in print, or preparation, and will sweep over a broad range of enigmas. The authors will be well known authorities in the various fields, once more showing a great strength ASSAP possesses. That it is of relevance to ufology (whilst not strictly being a UFO group) is obvious when one realises that all four of the initial batch of titles are written by UFO investigators.

As to his support of ETs, Well, I do contend that it is possible for UFOs to be alien ~~with the~~ not extraterrestrial. But the case for the existence of an alien component is stronger than some give it credit for, and Hilary does a fine job of showing that. The more one tries to convince oneself that UFOs are not alien then, it seems to me, the less one can be happy with that position.

Many other features have followed, on the group and their cases, plus articles about my book. Then for two weeks an article appeared every night that was actually written by ufologists! The first week saw the group themselves presenting some of their best cases (each illustrated by an artists reconstruction). The week after selected extracts from my book were published each night, again with illustrations. The overall response has been to make YUFOB the most visible UFO group in Britain and probably (at the moment) the busiest!

During this wave of activity the group decided to release to the press a case they had been studying for some time. It was, they said, "the best photographic evidence in this country ever of a UFO." On August 22 the POST carried their second front page banner headline in a month...UFO OVER YORKS....with a greatly enlarged shot of the UFO.

As I understand it this picture was so blown up much definition was lost and the original shows a very clear disc like UFO (in daylight), aside a cliff face. The picture was taken at Cracoe Fell, near Grassington in North Yorkshire, at noon on March 16...but in 1981 and not 1983 as the press stated. (This is of note as David Clark of BUFORA investigated a disc-like UFO in South Yorkshire on the same date...just a couple of hours before in fact...see NUN) Two police officers took the picture (which has supposedly been authenticated by leading photo analysts). It was motionless for about 50 minutes. More than one picture is apparently in existence, although only the one (copyrighted by YUPOS) has been released. The identity of the two policemen (who were off duty) has not been revealed either.



The Cracoe Photo



The national media responded and the DAILY MIRROR featured it on August 23, as did many locals. YUFOS are somewhat agrieved at various misquotes and rang Breakfast TV (who mentioned it in their newscast, with alien connotations that had not been alluded to by the group).

On September 2 the Craven Herald (but no nationals) carried a story that quoted a local farmer at Craoe Fell. He had been there when the photos were taken and says he has seen the 'UFO' many times. It is, he claims, a curious reflection effect of sunlight off the side of the cliff face. Certainly this is consistent with the apparent story of the policemen that the UFO neither landed nor took off...it just stayed there.

Investigator for NUFON, Nigel Mortimer, visited Cracoe Fell and saw similar illusion effects. He thinks the theory is possible, but hopes to provide a more detailed account of the case for a future issue. Meanwhile we must await a full report from YUFOS...who are keeping the details of the case confidential to themselves while they presumably continue to investigate. They do produce a group magazine, in which the details will no doubt first appear. It is available on subscription from 15 Northbrook St Leeds West Yorkshire LS7 4QQ.

THE REIDLESHAM INCIDENT REACHES THE PUBLIC

Readers of this magazine will be familiar with the alleged events in late December 1980 in the vicinity of RAF/USAF Bentwaters & Woodbridge, where a UFO was supposed to have landed within Rendlesham Forest. The genesis of this case, which has been investigated with incredible tenacity by local Suffolk researchers Brenda Butler and Dot Street, was featured in a special issue case report in January 1982 (subsequently reprinted in FSR), and an update as recently as NUN 101. However, a very great deal has occurred in the six months since that time. The case has, in effect, been elevated from a collection of seemingly corroborative rumours to an officially acknowledged close encounter.

In April 1983 the Ministry of Defence admitted (in writing) to myself that the event had occurred (although they gave a date of December 27 when we had the date of December 30). They also said it was unexplained and was not a secret test. Using the Freedom of Information Act in the USA Larry Fawcett, a US police lieutenant, received similar confirmation from the USAF, and then the major breakthrough. A copy of Lt Col. Charles Halt's report on the events (to the MOD) was released (much to the chagrin of the MOD and Col Halt... both of whom thought the file would be kept confidential). The release of this document (confirmed in person by the Col, who was deputy base commander and a witness to some of the events himself) has acted as a spur to Brenda and Dot who have uncovered a great deal more information on the case.

The latest developments in this long-running saga were discussed in depth at the International Congress in August, from where the media got wind of it. With the case on the verge of appearing (probably in undiluted, confusing and sensationalised form) the investigation team took the decision to negotiate terms for its controlled release. The result was the NEWS OF THE WORLD front page headline story (UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK - and that's official) (October 2)

This was followed by a further NOTW account on October 9 and numerous national media reports and features (from the TIMES...which treated it quite disgracefully...to the SUNDAY MIRROR who seem to have made it up as they went along...and there in lies a story with which I have personal involvement that sadly cannot be put in print!) Indeed the media reaction to this affair will be the subject of discussion in the book which Brenda Butler and Dot Street are currently writing (and which I am editing).

As I write, the story is still being aired and, of course, the work goes on. Even since it has reached the public a great deal of new evidence has emerged that is still being assessed. A major review article on the case will be prepared as soon as the opportunity arises and the correct source for publication is determined. The investigators wish to make it clear they do intend to comply with the code of practice and no information will be withheld from the UFO community, for the sake of personal gain.

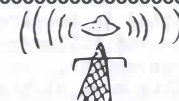
Several media features (eg the SUNDAY PEOPLE, October 9, DAILY TELEGRAPH, October 11) have asserted that the events are positively explained as a lighthouse beacon. Having been to the site, at the same sort of time as the incidents occurred, I can assure you this is utter nonsense. There are many facts which totally disprove this explanation. For instance, civilian witnesses observed the object in the forest from several directions (which affords triangulation of course). Some of these were between the lighthouse and the forest looking AWAY from it. The Daily Telegraph justification of the lighthouse solution (that the light is at exactly the same distance from the base as the landing site) is absurd and factually ridiculous...the site being half a mile and the lighthouse five miles!

You can be assured that we have not heard the last of this matter. For whatever happened on both nights (December 27 and December 30) a case still remains to be answered and the NOTW have assured us that they intend to maintain the momentum. We may have the best chance yet of getting close to the truth. Stay tuned.

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MEDIA MATTERS:-

A look at UFOs in the public eye



All the media attention has, of course, been focused on the events in West Yorkshire and Rendlesham Forest. But it has had a spin-off effect in attracting other stories with a UFO flavour. Unquestionably the most disturbing feature was the lack of interest shown in the BUFORA International Congress. With so many big names attending what was undoubtedly the most important UFO conference ever held in Britain this was not for lack of trying by BUFORA itself. However, there was virtually no mention... outside a feature by the Nottingham Evening Post (Aug 26) (UFOs are they real or just pie in the sky?) Nobody reviewed it at all. Even the local Bucks Free Press (Sept 2) (Is it all in the mind?) made a joke of it by ignoring the conference and talking to locals in the pub who had a few jolly quips to make and gave the media choice quotes like "If you're looking for UFOs you should come around here at closing time". Some kids wanted to know if ET would be at the congress... if he was then they might turn up!

What makes all this the more disturbing is the attention that was given to a skywatch at Warrminster over the same August Bank Holiday. The local media promoted this feast, set up by Ken Rogers of the British UFO Society, with major articles like Western Daily Press (Aug 29) (Waiting for the spaceships). The event was clearly a success and far better attended than the International Congress, a sad reflection of the gulf between serio s ufology and the popular myth of it. Much sadder though was the fact that The Times (Aug 27) (Vigil for UFO) chose to promote the skywatch and ignore a scientific conference. Something is very, very astray with our public relations I fear!

Yet another major story that attracted oodles of publicity, at the expense of the congress, was a NUFOIS press release about their investigations into the multi-witness Ashbourne sightings of August 1980. Nothing new was presented except to say that they now classified the event as a UFO, although they still thought it might be an airship. They had, however, failed to find any evidence to support that. Most northern dailies featured it, as did the Daily Mirror, (Sept 1) But most curious was the difference in interpretation placed by them on the same NUFOIS release. From headings such as "All hot air" (Daily Mirror) "UFO was balloons" (Wolverhampton Express) and "UFO Sightings still a mystery" (Derby Telegraph) or "String of lights in sky remain unexplained" (Wrexham Leader) you might think there were two different cases! But all headlines come from various biased readings of the same NUFOIS report! A most interesting insight.

To end by showing that the same old ufology is still around there was a feature in the Shropshire Star (Aug 27) (Telford UFO Spotter fears cover up). This discusses the curious case of a newcomer who is terrified of MIBs and the cover up, largely it seems because after he contacted the local RAF base for UFO data he received a letter back from Pam Titolmarsh (currently in charge of the MOD UFO section) politely advising him that UFO reports were confidential and so presently unavailable. Quite where the MIBs got into this is not made clear!

And over in Sussex HUFORA RIC Phil Taylor is chasing a couple of sightings brought to light by the Brighton Argus. They talk of the never-ending UFO "cereal". (sic)...in response to the latest wave of sightings of what was reliably reported as a flying shredded wheat! To date there have been two encounters with this delicacy...and of course we all know that there cannot possibly be a third, don't we? After all...who can meet THREE shredded wheat??

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HISTORICAL RESEARCH....The past thirty years of UFOs over West Yorkshire (1)

A new series, based on research conducted by Nigel Mortimer of WYUPOS

The opening of the Yorkshire 'window' is to most a relatively new concept, brought about in the last few years by a seeming increase in sightings from in and around Bradford. But what is little known (even by those actively involved in UFO study around the country) is that a great many UFO related events have occurred in this same vicinity for more than thirty years.

I intend to provide a summary of some of these events, many of which were reported to be directly over the city centre and others in the surrounding towns and villages. This will give some idea of the UFO types that repeat themselves in our midsts.

This kind of historical research can be of great help to the local investigator. It helps to throw light on the kind of phenomena that manifest in the area and highlights similarities between old and new sightings. Such similarities arise at unexpected times and show that certain aspects of the enigma crop up again, after a lapse of maybe ten years.

The source of many reports referred to in this series of articles is the Bradford Telegraph and Argus, an evening paper that has long reported the wealth of UFO activity in the region. Other sources include newspapers from surrounding towns and, of course, word of mouth from on site investigation. Unfortunately, little or no serious investigation seems to have been afforded these reports and so we are forced to take many at face value. But the real importance of these articles is to show that UFO events have occurred sporadically throughout the past three decades, and not only in times of general public interest in UFOs.

As an instance the Bradford press had 15 local sightings for the wave year of 1977. Only one of these was included in NUFOW's statistical analysis for the year! This shows that, because of lack of investigation, sources such as these are missed and the figures distorted. The real total of West Yorkshire UFO events for 1977 must have been considerably greater than that reflected in the NUFOW total.

I think this clearly outlines our need to keep a watchful eye on the Bradford area. And this does not just mean investigators who happen to be fortuitously placed inside it. Outside investigators cannot afford to let the reports drift by. They seem to offer substantial clues about the nature of the UFO phenomenon.

It seems from my work that three or four distinct UFO (UAP) types have been regularly manifesting over this particular area. Each of these categorised types has been reported more than twice by, so far as I can tell, none-related witnesses. These have also been at different periods of time. The types are:-

- (i) LIGHT SOURCE UFOs and UAPs
- (ii) METALLIC LOOKING UFOs (both disco and other shapes)
- (iii) A BLUE SOLID LOOKING 'DOUGHNUT'
- (iv) An ORANGE Ball-like UFO.

* Other kinds of object have been reported in the same area but have either not manifested since their initial sighting or have never been reported again. A list of all UFO sightings in the area as reported in the press can be obtained from me on request.*

In these articles I will only pick out a couple of examples of each type to give a feel for what is being observed. But there is much more that could be done to examine deeper correlations between the various events....How about some offers of assistance from otherwise redundant UFO researchers??? (And it would be greatly interesting if someone would attempt a similar historical study from their own regions press, to act as a comparison...1950-1980 is the time slot in question...JR)

To be continued.....

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SPOT THE IFO...Test your powers of investigation

David Clarke has completed a fine investigation report on this case, reported to him by a Mr and Mrs Carratt...an elderly couple (in their seventies) who with a name like that one might expect to see very well in the dark! On June 27th 1983 they observed a very bright object in the western sky as they went to bed at 22.30. Through binoculars it just looked like a huge star, but very much brighter and yellowish. Its brilliance was such they were certain it was not a star. The observation occurred on a clear night (after several nights of cloudy skies) from a hill top. They watched it for twenty minutes when it seemed not to move, and they then left it and went to bed. The local RAF base commander reported their sighting to the MOD and suggested to them they had seen a helicopter with searchlight flying towards them. The witnesses reject this. Sighting location was Sheffield. You have all the facts you need to explain this one... turn the UFO into an IFO.... (see below) (Turn page upside down)

number: Peter Harrington's feature on planetary motions should have given you the solution. In June all three planets Venus, Jupiter and Saturn were bright and visible. The yellow colour suggests Saturn, but it was the dimmest of the three. Most probable was either Venus or Jupiter, but it was certainly a planet, as all the signs suggest....

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BRIEF CASES

:- Some Current Investigations

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE SIDHE-SHEAGUEY

A Nigel Nortimer investigation

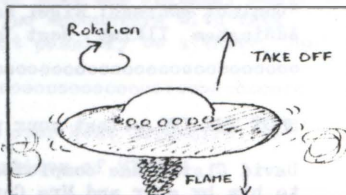
John Casey is a 68 yr old Irishman now living in Leeds. He related his only "close encounter" from the days of his youth. At the time it was not regarded as a sighting of a UFO but a meeting with the Sidhe Sheaghey (or wind spirits). The date was May 25 1925 and John was ten. He lived in a very remote village in Co Cork, Southern Ireland. There was no electricity and of course no aircraft or motorcars. When night came everything went pitch dark. It had been a warm day, and was now almost completely dark, when he went to bring back a bucket of

Water from the well. As he walked along a track he suddenly saw a large oval disc appear and move in his direction. He stopped and it came right overhead. In size it was half as big as the full moon again, and its colour was golden yellow, glowing from the centre. It pulsed as it hovered, and then moved off in a straight line over the house, before suddenly curving to the left and vanishing in a flash. The day had been warm and the evening hazy, which suggests that this might have been an encounter with an atmospheric UAP akin to ball lightning. John further recalls that his parents and grandparents and even great grandparents had passed along stories of their encounters with the lights, going back into the 18th century. The descriptions...white/blue or usually yellow/red lights that suddenly burst into life, floated along and then vanished, sound rather like marsh gas...this being an area of peat bogs. Even so this is a fascinating reminder that UFO like events are nothing new...only our interpretation of them.

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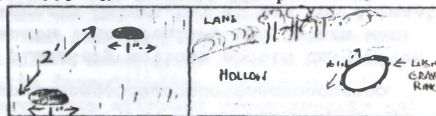
A "FLYING SAUCER" LANDS... CE 2 TR(?) UNKNOWN WYUFOS Investigation Lev: A
Case 77-333: late July 1977 19.00 East Bierley, W Yorks (Nigel Mortimer)

Mrs F is a 56 year old senior typist who is very fond of the outdoors. She was walking down a sloping meadow towards the field where she kept a horse. The day had been hot and sunny and the setting sun to her left painted the horizon a dazzling red. Suddenly "for no reason" she happened to glance ahead to the NNW and, in her words, "froze to the spot with fear". Hovering only a foot or so above the end of the meadow was what Mrs F says was a "machine" which she could only describe as a "flying saucer". It was dark coloured and metallic (like gunmetal) & essentially like a flattened disc with a raised dome on top. Midway there was a row of portholes. From the middle underside came a short red flame or exhaust. Total diameter was about 30 ft and at no point was any sound emitted. After about five seconds the craft began to "wobble" slightly and then rotate clockwise, completely spinning. In a movement like a flash it shot straight up into the clear sky and disappeared.



A hand-drawn map showing the location of the crime scene. At the top, it says "CLIFF HOLLINGS LANE". Below this, there's a wavy line representing a cliff or road edge. To the left of this line is a small house icon labeled "UFO HERE". To the right is another small house icon labeled "HEDGES". Further right, across a dashed line, are two more house icons labeled "OLD BARN" and "MURKIN HILL". In the center-right area, there's a label "Meadow". At the bottom, there's a dashed line labeled "Path of witnesses" with arrows pointing towards it from the left. Above this path, there are three stick figures labeled "WITNESSES". To the far left, outside the main map area, are labels "ROCK CLIFF CREEP" and "FIELD". A north arrow points upwards at the top left corner.

...as real as anything else she has ever seen...that it left her previous scepticism about UFOs quite dumfounded. Walter Reid and Nigel Mortimer visited the site six years later not, of course, having much expectation of finding anything. But at the same location where Mrs F claims to have seen the UFO hovering they did find a set of marks that they believe are at least worth mentioning. There were two small holes, two feet apart. Their first thought was that this was where stakes had been, perhaps to tether horses. But it was confirmed that the meadow had not housed any animals in recent memory. Also a circle of grass ringed by one of much "lusher" growth (this grew 1 1/2 times higher than the rest of the grass). Under this there seemed to be an area where around 6 inches of grass had been removed, leaving the land dark and bare. The full circle diameter was exactly 16.666 ft. The investigators make no claims in regard to the traces, but suggest they be borne in mind for future reference.



THE CASE OF THE PHANTOM MOON...Med UNKNOWN Lev:C MUFORA investigation

Ms BH is now aged 25 and has a psychology degree. She is conducting post-graduate research. The event occurred in the winter of 1977/78 at approximately 22.00 to 22.15. She was driving with her then boyfriend along the A47, between Norwich and the village of Strumpshaw, Norfolk, when she caught sight of a strange object to the SSE. She called it to the attention of her friend, who was driving, and they both watched for about 5-10 minutes as they drove east along the road. It was situated some distance south, possibly over a railway track that parallels the road. It seemed to be moving with them, keeping pace. In size the object was about twice that of the full moon and was an elongated oval of a dullish orange colour. It started the trees on the horizon at an elevation of no more than a few degrees. The first reaction of both of them was that it was the moon unusually bloated, but on inspection the moon was seen to be visible elsewhere in the sky. They then contemplated a reflection of lights on the sky, but could not conceive of how this could produce such a sharply defined object. Eventually Ms BH got frightened and urged her boyfriend to continue driving them home. They turned south off the A47, at Brundall, which ought to have taken them closer to the object. But it was no longer visible. Neither of them knew how it had disappeared.

The observation interests me as it has many similarities with the flying "fish finger" seen from the M62 motorway by my mother, as reported previously in NUN.

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THREE MORE ENCOUNTERS OVER THE PENNINES.....Summary accounts of a new "UFO" type.

July 4 1983 11.30 Brittania Moor, Bacup, Lancs Inv: Mike Sacks (MUFORA)

Mrs SJ, 41 yr old housewife, was washing up from kitchen when a bright silvery ball appeared over the hills. It moved SSE over the moors, apparently spinning and flashing alternately silver/red/silver. It travelled towards the sun and took about 2 minutes to diminish in size before vanishing over the hill. Mrs SJ ran outside and rushed up some steps at the back of the house for a better view. She also called a neighbour, an elderly lady, who saw it too. There was no sound. The police arrived within 30 minutes after Mrs SJ reported. They attest to the excitement and conviction of both witnesses.

August 13 (14) 1983 10.00 Shipley, West Yorks Inv: Nigel Mortimer (WYUFOS)

Another daylight sighting by a 47 yr old electrician, NW. He had driven out and stopped in a layby for a panoramic view over the Aire Valley. The object appeared as a light in the west and moved steadily, reflecting the sun on a warm day. At first he took it to be a helicopter but on its steady flight eastwards (covering an estimated area of 10 miles in 2-3 minutes) it passed close enough for a clear view. It was oval with a dark underside and shiny top and seemed to rotate. Every two seconds it 'pulsed' as if reflecting suddenly. At no point was there any sound.

August 30 1983 07.47 Ilkley, West Yorks Inv: Nigel Mortimer (WYUFOS)

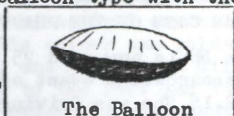
Yet a third account of a daylight observation over the hills in similar circumstances. The witness was JH, a sceptical newspaper writer who had previously published several reports decrying UFOs. As he was waiting for a bus (alone) he knew the time very closely. The object appeared suddenly and moved steadily SE at "quite a pace". He immediately thought it was a balloon, and only became rather sceptical of that when he realised it seemed to be "powered". As it moved it rotated, changing shape from round, to oval, to fat cigar. Mostly it was shiny, metallic, reflecting the sun. But on some turns it was matt black, suggesting it had sides that were both shiny and dull. It silently disappeared in a matter of seconds.

Sketches in the above sightings    



It would seem a common UFO type is involved here...nb rotation, shiny/dull sides, visible only in daylight, SSE or E direction of flight, and "flashing". Perhaps this is a real UFO type, although one must accept the possibility that they are balloons

from the many summer fairs in the Pennine villages. The balloon type with the oval shape, and both shiny and dull surfaces, seems to be more than a little appropriate and its increase in popularity over the past couple of years may well have a relationship to the appearance of this new kind of "UFO". Investigators in doubt are advised to consult the super investigation report into this possibility (with photographs to show just how convincing the balloons are). You will find this in the booklet UFO/IFO...a totally indispensable guide to EVERY investigator (copies are available from Ian Mrzyglod at 16 Marigold Walk Ashton Bristol BS3 2PD) (Don't miss out!)



The Balloon

CASE HISTORIES

A RADAR/VISUAL ENCOUNTER "HUSHED UP"??

Report by Jenny Randles



This "report" is unfortunately sketchy as it is based entirely on written accounts by the witness. Several attempts by Ian Mrzyglod and PROBE to chase it up in Hampshire (where the witness lives) have apparently not succeeded. But in view of the interest of the story it is presented here, for what it is worth.

The witness (TJ) refers to Summer 1948 when he was a Sergeant in the RAF, on national service, and working as a wireless operator. He was stationed at RAF Tangmere in Sussex where three squadrons of Meteor 4 jet fighters were based. During the summer months of each year the squadrons went north to a firing range at RAF Acklington, north of Newcastle on Tyne, where they would practice shooting into the sea. In the early months of that summer TJ left in a York transport plane for the flight north. Six meteor jets accompanied them.

The York aircraft had reached 10,000 ft and was somewhere north of Oxford when everybody on board (including TJ) observed a small silver disc. All those on board the York plane (pilot, co-pilot and three other NCOs apart from TJ) saw the UFO and communicated with one another about it over radio telephone. TJ had with him 6x30 binoculars and got a fairly good look at it. He says it was definitely metallic and could be seen not to be a balloon, or any other aircraft he knew of.

News came to them from the ground that radar had the object. Its height was 25,000 feet (ie well above them) and it gave an echo suggesting its diameter was about 100 feet.

The Meteor jets (who could also see it) were equipped with oxygen and two of them were scrambled to climb up in pursuit, for a closer look. However, they never got chance of this. As they climbed the object began to accelerate from what seemed to be a "standing start" and zoomed out of view in seconds. Ground radar calculated its leaving speed as 1500 MPH.

The meteor pilots were all experienced and four had seen war duty (three in the Battle of Britain). One had Squadron Leader rank and the other (a USAF officer) (whose name we have been given) is now a General.

On landing at Acklington all those involved were asked to complete a written report and were then 'debriefed'. They were told to "keep their mouths shut - or else".

TJ has maintained an interest in both UFOs and amateur astronomy ever since and despite frequently looking has failed to see anything remotely like this object. He says that he has no explanation for it, except to conclude that it was a craft from another planet as its behaviour was totally against all the performances of civil and military aircraft in 1948.

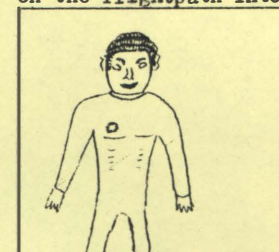
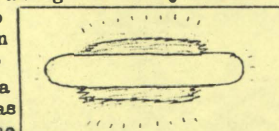
TJ asks the pertinent question... "Why has this incident been suppressed? What makes it so hush hush? In the light of the Rendlesham Forest Breakthrough (and with the Freedom of Information implications of a USAF General being allegedly involved) new attempts to pursue this case will be made.

If any new information is forthcoming you will be advised. [SEE NEXT ISSUE... JR]

"I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MY WIFE" CE 3 Investigation by Stephen Banks

It is nice to welcome back UFOIN stalwart Stephen (who has done many superb close encounter investigations in the past). Currently taking his degree at a university 'down south' he has had less time to devote to ufology of late, but here he has concocted one of his excellent 27pp dossiers on what is Britain's first reported CE 3 case for over two years.

The witness is a 39 yr old redundant factory worker (we shall call him Alan). After his sighting he struggled to find someone to believe him. His wife thought him mad! His mates dismissed his tale. He visited the local paper next day but a junior reporter fobbed him off with the address of a London society supposedly interested in "all sorts of anomalies" (ASSAP?) He called, but the woman who answered slammed the phone down on him! So he started to read UFO books and wrote to APRO in the USA who, he says, were not interested in his sighting but did want to recruit him as a member! Eventually he found Jenny Randles's address and wrote her. She exchanged letters and obtained an RI form and a more detailed "Entity" account form. These (along with a letter Alan later wrote to Detective Norman Collinson) were passed to Stephen Banks who maintained communication and began a full investigation.... Full marks to Alan for persistence, at least! January 27 1983... 21.10hrs on a clear, cold night. Alan was walking north along the banks of the disused Essington Canal. This runs parallel with the M6 motorway (just a few hundred yards to the west). He was in Bloxwich, a district of Walsall, West Midlands. His intention was to walk to visit a friend and the time is thus only approximate (based on his departure time from home in Small Heath). The distance was more than 2 miles (hence the shortcut along the decayed and litter-scattered canal). But Alan is very fit and able to cope with this. Suddenly he was attracted to an object in the sky almost directly above him (and thus above a row of electricity pylons that line the canal). It was like a large thin mirror that reflected light brightly, but was brightest in the centre. It was surrounded by a haze (the same feature is described in connection with the aliens later seen). The "mirror" was unlike a star or aircraft and larger than jumbo jets he claims to have seen on the flightpath into Birmingham airport. After about 5 seconds it went out.



Slightly puzzled he continued to walk onwards down the tow path and moments later (just a few yards further on) he saw two beings on the grass to his right and in front of him. They stood there looking at him. He approached them curiously. Both were male, about 5' 6" tall, with dark curly hair, high cheekbones and other eastern features, but a light complexion and blue eyes. They wore one-piece suits of a light-grey material, tight fitting and with a motif above the heart that he cannot recall. They were both identical and perfectly proportioned with athletic bodies. He was able to make out such detail in a dark, lonely spot because they were surrounded by a glowing "aura" like sodium lighting. After a conversation with him that lasted a few moments they turned and "glided" away. This they did feet off the ground, "like ice skaters", apparently suffering no impedance from the rough grass. After going back into the undergrowth for some yards they vanished. Alan was left stunned as to why they should confront him, an uneducated man, in such a lonely spot. He saw no point in it.

The conversation was spoken in English of an educated level (well beyond Alan's normal mode of speech). It was spoken in a mechanical robot-like fashion through a perpetually open mouth that did not move! Both spoke in unison. They asked him to go with them on a journey, but he said he did not want to leave his wife. They told him he would see her again, but he still refused. Then they promised to reward him, but again he said no. Bracing himself for restraining action, or force, he was pleased but surprised to see them depart.

Alan returned home stunned but received no support from his wife, or those he

His dreams (of colourful planets and robed beings on thrones) are regarded by Stephen as post-encounter anxieties due to his inability to get anyone to listen. But more interestingly, although hardly astonishingly (!), Alan has a long history of psychic experiences...including many ghost observations. From childhood he says he always had a feeling that one day he would be abducted! Yet he remains sceptical of many UFO claims (his letter to Norman Collinson was to tell him that the Telford CEF was, in his view, a hoax) And he has tried to rationalise his own encounter by returning to the scene looking for reflections from the motorway (Stephen Banks assures there are none).

Whatever the truth, this is a classic case in the mould of so many others.

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